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: LOW YIELD RATIO, HIGH STRENGTH, Title

: HIGH TOUGHNESS, THICK STEEL : PLATE AND WELDED STEEL PIPE, : AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING

: THE SAME

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: